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FOR ASST SECRETARY TODMAN FROM CHAPLIN

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (TODMAN, TERENCE A.)  
SUBJECT: ISSUES YOU SHOULD RAISE IN BUENOS AIRES,  
OR WHICH WILL BE RAISED WITH YOU

1. HUMAN RIGHTS. YOUR VISIT IS USEFUL AND  
TIMELY IN ITS ENABLING YOU TO BRING UP SOME  
POINTS IN THIS DOMINANT AREA OF US-ARGENTINE  
RELATIONS, YOU WILL BE ASKED SOME POINTED  
QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY  
WILL AFFECT ISSUES IN WHICH THE ARGENTINES ARE  
INTERESTED. WE WILL HAVE BENEFITED FROM  
MS. DERIAN'S VISIT (AUGUST 6-10), WHICH SHOULD  
FOCUS ARGENTINE ATTENTION AGAIN ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

WHAT WE CAN SAY TO THE ARGENTINES: WE ARE  
SENDING BY SEPTEL A HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE  
SUMMARY. ITS CONCLUSIONS LEAD US TO RECOMMEND  
THAT YOU MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: WE ARE  
ENCOURAGED BY ARGENTINE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS  
THAT THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM IS WELL ALONG TOWARD  
WINNING. WE SEE HOPEFUL SIGNS OF AN INCREASING  
GOVERNMENT WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY TO DEPEND MORE UPON  
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ORDERLY JUDICIAL PROCEDURES AGAINST SUSPECTED SUBVERSIVES  
THAN UPON MORE SUMMARY METHODS. WHAT DISTRESSES MANY  
OF ARGENTINA'S FRIENDS ARE THE DRAMATIC DISAPPEARANCES--  
LIKE THAT OF AMBASSADOR HIDALGO SOLA--TAKEN BY MANY TO  
INDICATE THAT LAWLESSNESS REMAINS WIDESPREAD.

WHAT THE ARGENTINES WILL WANT TO KNOW FROM YOU:

IN ADDITION TO EXPRESSING MORE OR LESS STANDARD DEFENSES AGAINST OUR HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVATIONS, ARGENTINES WILL ASK YOU HOW FAR WE INTEND TO GO IN "PUNISHING" THIS GOVERNMENT BEFORE INTERNATIONAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS. THEY WILL WANT TO KNOW WITH SOME PRECISION--BECAUSE THEIR MILITARY PLANNING DEPENDS IN PART ON THIS--WHAT EQUIPMENT WE WILL SELL THEM AND UP UNTIL WHAT DATE AND ON WHAT CREDIT TERMS IF ANY. EXPLAIN TO THE ARGENTINES, IN AS GREAT DETAIL POSSIBLE, THE LEGISLATIVE REASONS FOR CHANGED WORLDWIDE IN OUR MILITARY GROUPS. ARGENTINE OFFICIALS WILL BE EQUALLY INTERESTED IN WHETHER THEY MAY EXPECT SOME MILITARY TRAINING. THEY PERHAPS WILL NOT ASK--BECAUSE IT IS TOO HURTFUL TO PRIDE--JUST WHAT MIGHT BE REQUIRED FOR THEM TO BE JUDGED "BEHAVING THEMSELVES" IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD SO AS TO CONTINUE OUR BILATERAL MILITARY RELATIONSHIP, BUT WE SHOULD ASSESS FOR THE ARGENTINES AS KINDLY AS POSSIBLE THOSE MEASURES WHICH WOULD DETER OR ALTER CONGRESSIONAL MEASURES AGAINST THEM.

2. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. ASIDE FROM TROUBLES WITH INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS CITED ABOVE, WE CAN GIVE EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT TO ARGENTINA'S EFFORTS TO SQUARE AWAY ITS ECONOMY. CITE OUR APPRECIATION OF THE STABILIZATION TAKING PLACE, AND DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED

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IN REDUCING INFLATION AND BUDGET DEFICIT. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY IMPROVEMENT IN THE CLIMATE FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENTS, AND HOPE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOREIGN INVESTMENTS LAW AND INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION LAW WILL CONFIRM EXPECTATIONS. NOTE SPECTACULAR BILATERAL SUCCESSES IN WRITING A NEW AVIATION AGREEMENT, AND ON SETTLING MARITIME ISSUES.

3. NARCOTICS AFFAIRS COOPERATION. EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR HELP IN ROUNDING UP AND DEPORTING NARCOTICS VIOLATORS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CREATION OF AN ARGENTINE AERONAUTICAL POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE A REAL ASSIST IN POLICE ABILITY TO CONTROL CLANDESTINE NARCOTICS TRANSPORTATION.

4. NUCLEAR AFFAIRS. EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT ARGENTINA WILL JOIN THE TREATY OF TLALTELOLCO, AND ADHERE TO THE NONPROLIFERATION AGREEMENT. INQUIRE INTO LATEST DEVELOPMENTS TOWARD PRODUCING NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR THE COUNTRY.

5. REGIONAL AFFAIRS. ACKNOWLEDGE THE MEASURED AND

JUDICIOUS WAY ARGENTINA AND CHILE HAVE GONE ABOUT  
SETTLING THEIR BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE. CITE OUR SIMILAR  
APPRECIATION FOR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO RESOLVE WITH BRAZIL  
AND PARAGUAY THE QUESTION OF RATIONAL USE OF THE WATERS  
OF THE PARANA.

6. JACOBO TIMERMAN, WE WANT TO GIVE THE MATTER MORE  
THOUGHT BEFORE ASKING YOU TO MAKE A PLEA IN A SPECIFIC  
HUMAN RIGHTS CASE. THE TIMERMAN FAMILY HAS MADE SEVERAL  
REQUESTS OF US TO INVOLVE YOU IN THE MATTER DURING YOUR  
VISIT HERE. WE BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO  
EXPRESS AN INTEREST BECAUSE OF THE GRAVITY AND NOTORIETY  
OF THE MATTER, AND MAY SUGGEST THAT YOU DO THIS BEFORE  
BOTH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY.  
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ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THIS BECOMES A LABORED ISSUE DURING  
THE VISIT TO MS. DERIAN, IT MIGHT BE BETTER NOT TO CALL  
FURTHER ATTENTION TO THE CASE.  
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